THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The natural gas prices were last revised in September, 1997 and were effective upto March, 2000 and the same was to be reviewed to achieve 100% parity with fuel oil prices in the year 2000-01 and 2001-02. However, the natural gas prices could not be revised. There is a proposal to revise the gas prices and transportation charges. However, no decision has been taken.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Effect of Iraq-US War on consumption of petroleum products

†1314. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the impending war between the USA and Iraq, the consumption, supply and prices of the petroleum products have been effected in any way in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The possibilities of a war between USA and Iraq have kept the international oil prices quite high in the recent times, thereby effecting the consumer prices of petroleum products in the country. The details of retail selling prices of petrol and diesel in Delhi since 1.3.2002 are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Retail selling prices of Petrol and Diesel in Delhi since 1.3.2002

(*in Rs. Per litre*)

As on:	Petrol	Diesel
01.03.2002	26.54	16.59
04.06.2002	28.94	17.99
16.06.2002	29.18	18.23
16.08.2002	29.00	18.05
01.09.2002	29.20	18.34

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

As on:	Petrol	Diesel
16.09.2002	29.66	18.68
01.10.2002	29.91	18.91
17.10.2002	30.24	19.23
01.11.2002	30.26	19.25
16.11.2002	29.57	18.57
01.12.2002	28.91	18.06
03.01.2003	29.93	19.07
16.01.2003	30.33	19.47
01.02.2003	30.71	19.84
01.03.2003	32.10	21.21

Production from new Wells

†1315. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production has started from several new oil wells during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such new oil wells;

(c) the assessment of the quantum of additional annual crude oil produced from these wells; and

(d) the quantum of crude oil produced in the country each year during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Production of crude oil in the country during the last 3 years is given below:—

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